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**Amendments to the Specification**

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 32 as follows:

-- Though the practice of body piercing has been around for centuries, people have traditionally experienced some health complications related to this practice. Complications most often are due to the absence of a suitable sterile environment, e.g., using piercing tools or instruments that are not sterile, or the insertion of non-sterile or contaminated appliances, rings, hooks, or whatever device or product is inserted into the pierced cavity, and poor hygiene. --